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To: Regional Planning Committee

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Subject: Overview Session February 3, 2016

Welcome to the first meeting of 2016. This is the beginning of a two-year cycle 2016-2018 for the ABAG president, vice-president and committees chairs. We will elect the Regional Planning Committee new chair and vice-chair at this meeting. We also have new committee members, who were approved by the ABAG Executive Board at the January meeting:

- Cindy Chavez, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
- Mark Boucher, Contra Costa Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Al Savay, Bay Area Planning Directors Association
- Melissa Jones, Executive Director, Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative
- Kirsten Spalding, Executive Director, San Mateo Union Community Alliance
- Karen Engel, Director of Economic and Workforce Development, Peralta Community College

Chair Dave Cortese has stepped out of the Regional Planning Committee. We would like to thank him for his leadership and contributions to the multiple planning processes we carried through the Committee. He will continue to serve on the ABAG Executive Board and Administrative Committee. For a complete list of new committee members, please see attachment 1.

At our last meeting in December, we had a substantial discussion on the preliminary **Regional Forecast**. Input from this Committee, in addition to the comments from experts and stakeholders, contributed to the development of the final forecast, which was accepted by the ABAG Executive Board in January. (See memo <http://abag.ca.gov/abag/events/agendas/e012116a-Item%2007A,%20Final%20Regional%20Forecast.pdf>) Staff will prepare a Final Regional Forecast report that summarizes growth numbers, key assumptions and methodology.

For our February meeting, Julie Pierce, ABAG President, will provide an overview of the **regional agencies merger study**. Management Partners, the consultant team hired to prepared the study, has been interviewing elected officials, staff and stakeholders. On Friday, January 22, they facilitated a workshop to discuss objectives and principles.

The two other items for the February meeting include the Equity Framework and Housing Production. Both items will contribute to the development of Plan Bay Area 2040. The **Equity Framework** for Plan Bay Area was developed in collaboration with MTC to meet the SB375 and federal requirements of the Regional Transportation Plan. This framework will guide our planning efforts and investments to address the needs of disadvantaged populations. It is intended to recognize Communities of Concern and highlight the housing, transportation, economic development and health needs therein. The **housing production** report provides an overview of housing production trends in relation to local plans and Plan Bay Area. This detailed data on housing production should inform the selection of housing strategies to not only increase production levels but also address type, location and affordability levels.

#### Ongoing efforts:

- Change in Plan Bay Area schedule: The release of the scenarios and public workshops have been postponed from March to May/June 2016. The adoption of the Preferred Scenario has been moved from July to September 2016.
- Plan Bay Area local engagement: local jurisdiction staff and stakeholders are providing feedback on the three scenarios under discussion. ABAG planners are also working with local planners to provide overview presentations of Plan Bay Area at local council and planning commission meetings.
- ABAG Legislative Workshop, Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 2:00 to 7:00 pm, Capitol Event Center/CSAC Conference Center 1020 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento. Legislators and agency leaders will provide an overview of bills and initiatives related to local governments, land use, housing, transportation, resilience and environmental challenges.
- San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habit Restoration Measure to Raise \$25 Million Annually: the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's Board unanimously voted to place a funding measure on the June 7, 2016 ballot in the nine-county Bay Area to generate funds to protect and restore the San Francisco Bay. This includes a parcel tax of \$12 per year to raise approximately \$25 million annually for twenty years.